

The Heart of the Matter

12. If you were to emphasize one central truth about the Gospel, what would it be? Why?

13. What difference has the resurrection of Jesus made concerning placing your faith in Christ?

14. Have you ever tried to justify yourself before God through how you tried to keep His law? Why is Jesus your only hope of salvation?

15. What kind of opposition have you faced because of your faith? How have you responded when faced with opposition concerning your faith?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

God Raised Him From the Dead! Acts 13:13-42 For the Week of April 21, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What are some lines from a famous speech that you can recall or have memorized?
3. Are you the kind of person who can commit things to memory easily? What failure of memory on your part was the most embarrassing to you?

Digging Deeper

4. From Cyprus to Pisidian Antioch is about 350 miles by sea and land. What does their willingness to travel so far show about Paul and Barnabus?

5. In verse 13 why do you think John Mark may have left Paul and Barnabas to go back to his home (12:12; 13:5)? How did Paul see this desertion later (Acts 15:37-41)? How did Paul's relationship with John Mark change by the end of Paul's life (Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11)?

6. What is significant about Paul's audience in verse 15? In verses 16-41 Paul's first missionary sermon is recorded. As Paul traveled to various cities, why did he begin his preaching in the synagogues?

7. From verses 17-23 list all the things Paul says God has done. How does God's faithfulness to the Israelites prepare the way for Paul to speak about Jesus in verse 23?

8. How did Paul describe how the Jewish leaders had rejected and crucified the Messiah? But what was the Good News? What had God done to correct this terrible crime against Jesus?

9. Compare verses 22-23 and 36-37 with Romans 1:3 and Acts 2:29-31: What is the connection between David and Jesus? What things about Jesus is Paul emphasizing by recalling three famous quotes in verses 33-35?

10. In verses 30-37 the resurrection of Jesus is mentioned four times. How does the resurrection confirm the meaning of the Old Testament quotes that Paul uses concerning Jesus in these verses?

11. In verses 38-39, what does Paul say is the central meaning of the resurrection for his listeners? Compare verse 39 with Romans 3:20-24 and 8:3-4. From these verses, how would you explain what Paul means by being "justified?" (V41)